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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008 as follows. As permitted on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby request reinstatement of the pending appeal. A Supplemental appeal brief is filed herewith.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975 under our Order No. 081776-0306363. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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